

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

AD 5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a coating thickness to achieve a desired thermal emission coefficient for the coating.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the courtesies extended to applicants' representative at the personal interview on July 10, 2002.

All of the pending claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants traverse these rejections and submit the claims distinguish over the cited art and are in condition for allowance.

OBJECTION TO THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Information Disclosure Statement filed June 6, 2001, was indicated as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP § 609. The alleged failure arose because the IDS listed four foreign-language references but only provided an English-language counterpart for one. English-language abstracts were provided with respect to the remaining three.

During the personal interview, applicants' representative provided English-language counterparts for the three remaining foreign language references. It is respectfully submitted that any objection regarding the IDS is moot and that the PTO Form 1449 should be initialed to indicate that the foreign language references have been considered.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS

The specification and claim 5 were objected to for inadvertent typographical errors. These errors have been corrected.

§ 103 CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-9 and 13-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Allemand (U.S. Patent No. 6,178,034) in view of Fix (U.S. Patent No. 6,055,088). Claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Allemand in view of Fix and further in view of Rensch (U.S. Patent No. 6,092,915). For all the reasons discussed during the personal interview, applicants respectfully submit these rejections should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request an early allowance of the claims.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #843/49983).

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 as follows:

In the case of passenger planes, at travelling altitude, these enclosing surfaces have low surface temperatures because of the low outside temperature, typically of less [that] than -50°C, and the limited possibility of insulation. With the normally used material of the enclosing surfaces, this results in low radiation temperatures. For passengers situated in seats in the direct proximity of these cold surfaces, a radiation cooling will occur which feels uncomfortable, particularly during long-distance flights.

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5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a coating thickness to achieve a desired [a desired] thermal emission coefficient for the coating.